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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for a(n) original application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR USE OF INFLAMMATORY PROTEINS IN THE  
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF METABOLIC DISORDERS

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification was filed on January 26, 2004, as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/764,649.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119 or 35 U.S.C. SECTION 365**

I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or Title 35, United States Code, Section 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

<b>PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS OR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119:</b>				
<b>FOREIGN APPLICATION NO.</b>	<b>FILING DATE</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Priority Claimed</b>	<b>Status</b>

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<b>PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b>	<b>FILING DATE</b>			
60/446,041	2/7/2003			

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)  
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I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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<b>U.S. APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>U.S. FILING DATE</b>	<b>Patented</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
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<b>PCT APPLICATION NO.</b>	<b>PCT FILING DATE</b>	<b>U.S. APPLICATION NOS. ASSIGNED (IF ANY)</b>		

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I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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